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NEW SHOW FULL OF INTEREST AND WIT

Experience in Theatricals Aids Author in Model Production

LYRICS DUE TOMORROW

Music-Writers will be Able to Start Composing Next Week

Sidney Arnold Malcolm 1909, author of the new show, "That Pill Grimm," has reason to congratulate himself upon having his work selected from the large number handed in this year, at least six of which, in the opinion of Coach Francis, were better than anything which has ever before been written in this line at the Institute.

Malcolm is from Somerville, having prepared at the English High School. He has never before attempted anything in this line, but was connected with the cast of last year's show, "Over the Garden Wall." He took the part of Ned Wilmerdine and made a great hit.

Sidney A. Malcolm, 1909

In his songs he added some extra verses besides interpolating several "asides" into his part, which took especially well at the Smith College performance.

The show this year gives promise of being the best ever as Malcolm's production is full of his keen wit. The schemes of his hero Grimm, along with the origin of some of our modern institutions in the customs of the pilgrims, show his genius. Malcolm spent his last summer's vacation in Plymouth, where he studied the town and became acquainted with several of its typical characters. He has introduced some of their ideas and a good deal of the local color into his play, the first act of which takes place in Holland, and the second in America, after the landing of the Pilgrims.

It is hoped that Malcolm will be able to take a part in his own play, but whether he will or not is a question, as he is particularly busy in his senior year. Malcolm has, however, suggested the titles of 15 or 20 possible lyrics besides those upon which he is working at present. The first set of these lyrics is due Saturday, so that the music writers can begin the early part of next week to compose the music. There are also about 15 men working on poster designs.

It is authoritatively stated that all 1912 class pipes ordered this week will be delivered before the holidays. W. M. Ruby and R. S. Walsh have charge of the affair and orders must be placed in their hands by the end of this week, in order to have the pipes before Christmas.

SENIOR CLASS TO BACK COMMITTEE

Vote to Insure Financial Success of Portfolio Dues Discussed

SOCIAL GATHERINGS

To be held in Union to bring Class Mates Together Frequently

At the senior class meeting yesterday afternoon in Huntington Hall the important business of electing a portfolio committee was considered. There was some discussion as to how the committee should be nominated. It was voted to have the president appoint a committee to receive nominations for the portfolio committee. W. J. Kelly and H. E. Whittaker will receive the nominations if they are signed by ten members of the class. The question of having the class assume the financial responsibility of getting out the portfolio was then introduced and was thoroughly discussed. M. R. Scharff made the motion that the class assume the financial responsibility of getting out the portfolio and have oversight of the action of the portfolio committee through the executive committee of the class. He said that this committee has never been of much use and that here is a chance for them to do something. Scharff said further that it is not fair should any defficiency occur in the finances of the portfolio committee for the committee to be obliged to meet the difference personally and that as there should be no deficiency if the affair is properly managed, any balance should go to the class and not into the pockets of the committee. There was no opposition to the idea of having the class back the affair financially, but there was a question as to whether it would be best for the few members of the class present to decide the matter definitely. Scharff then amended his motion to the effect that the motion should be printed on the ballot which will be published by the nomination committee and voted on by the class by having each member write yes or no on his ballot. A brief discussion of the question is to be printed with the statement of the motion.

As there was some discussion here as to the order of voting on the motion and its amendment, Mr. Scharff withdrew both amendment and motion. He made a new motion that the class assume the finacial responsibility of getting out the senior portfolio and that the question be put before the class by having the motion printed on the ballot for the election of the portfolio com-

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BASEBALL PROSPECTS

Many Volunteer—Meeting Today—Managers will be Chosen

Judging from the answers to the request that those interested in the formation of a varsity baseball team leave their names at the cage, baseball as a varsity sport will be well supported at Tech.

On account of the early closing of school the season will necessarily be much shorter than at other colleges, but that should not hinder the team's work.

Men who have played four years at other colleges or who have played professional ball, are not excluded from the team, as Tech has entered into no agreement with other schools as to the eligibility of athletes, except in the case of the track, cross-country, and tennis teams.

At the meeting this afternoon in Huntington Hall calls will be made for men who wish to try for manager or assistant manager. The former must be a junior and the latter a sophomore.

FALL TOURNAMENT WON BY SCHEUER

Defeats H. P. Farrington, '07, in Final Games of Tennis Singles

MANY CONTESTANTS

Thirty-Five Enter Match—Scheuer Gets Semi-Finals by Default—Doubles Still Being Played

Jerome Scheuer 1910, won the tennis singles in Technology's fall tennis tournament by defeating H. P. Farrington 1907, in the final match by a score of 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2. Early in the tournament it was evident that the chief aspirants for the championship were T. B. Parker 1911, J. Scheuer 1910, and P. M. Wentworth 1909, of last year's tennis team. H. P. Farrington 1907, and F. W. Covill 1911. There were 35 competitors entered in the tournament, the largest number that has ever come out for this sport at Tech.

Two surprises came in the first round when Sweet, who entered the Insti-

Jerome Scheuer, 1910

tute this year, defeated the veteran Wentworth, in straight sets, and Covill who played but one round last year defeated Parker 1911, and then Sweet 1912. Covill stayed in until the semi-final round when he was obliged to default on account of having strained his eyes in a previous match. Farrington 1907, and Nickerson 1909, were the other men to play in the semi-finals, Farrington winning by the score of 6-4, 6-0. The doubles have not been completed, but it is expected that the remaining games will be played immediately.

The results were as follows:—Whittemore 1910, defeated Van Alstine 1909, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2; Ruckman 1910, defeated Davis 1909; Scheuer 1910, defeated Haslam 1911; Sherman 1910, defeated Carey 1908; Sutton 1909, defeated Williams 1911; Watson 1912 defeated Boyer 1912; Covill 1911 defeated Parker 1911; Sweet 1910, defeated Wentworth 1909; Lockett 1909, defeated Spencer 1909; Stevens 1912, defeated Willis 1912; Cornell 1911, defeated Dennison

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BIOLOGISTS MEET

At the meeting of the Biological Society, held in Room 13 Eng. A, Tuesday evening, the speaker was Mr. W. Lyman Underwood, of the biology lecture staff. Mr. Underwood's subject was "With Canoe and Camera in the Wilds of New Brunswick," and the talk was accompanied by numerous stereopticon slides, taken by the speaker while in New Brunswick recently.

TO FENCE Y.M.C.A. TOMORROW NIGHT

Team Better than Last Year Tournament in Y.M.C.A. Gym Opens Season

OUR PROSPECTS GOOD

Grubnau, Loring and Knox make up Technology Team—Have had Experience

Tech's fencing team will open its season next Saturday with an exhibition meet with the Boston Y. M. C. A., in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. The Association team in all probability will be composed of W. C. Bowers and M. Pierce, both Harvard 1909, and Dr. Brewer of the Y. M. C. A. They have been practicing for two weeks. Technology will present a combination which shows every prospect of being far superior to last year's team. The team is composed of V. C. Grubnau 1909, E. M. Loring 1909, and H. G. Knox 1910. Grubnau and Loring are veterans of last year's team, Loring being the 1907 captain. Knox came to Tech this year direct from the battleship Virginia, where he was captain of the ship's fencing team. He was graduated from Annapolis three years ago. At the Naval Academy he won his "N" on the varsity fencing team.

Coach Lucien Fournon has expressed himself as being very well satisfied with the team's prospects and is firmly convinced of the worth of Grubnau as a leader. Grubnau's election to the captaincy was the result of hard and conscientious work last year. He was a new man then, but he is one of the nerviest fencers on the squad. Loring was captain of the team last year and the star of nearly every meet. He fenced in the intercollegiates last year and was the only man on the Tech team to win a victory. Coppinger 1910, and Chinchilla 1909, are the Technology substitutes. Coppinger has had some experience fencing at Washington, and Chinchilla was a member of the squad a year ago.

Manager Chapin has arranged a provisional schedule as follows:—

Dec. 5—Boston Y. M. C. A. at Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

Dec. 12—Fenway Fencing Club at Fenway studios.

Jan. 16—Springfield Training School at Springfield.

March 13—Triangular meet—Harvard, Yale and Technology at Tech Gym.

A meeting of the managers of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association will be held Jan. 2, and the schedules will be definitely arranged then.

CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DEC. 4.

1:00 P. M.—Baseball mass meeting in Huntington Hall.

1:43 P. M.—Train leaves South station for Quincy—E. E. excursion.

3:00 P. M.—Interscholastic cross-country race starts at the Field.

4:15 P. M.—1910 executive committee meeting.

SATURDAY, DEC. 5.

1:00 P. M.—Orders for 1912 pipes close.

1:43 P. M.—Train leaves South station for Quincy—E. E. excursion.

2:00 P. M.—Revolver club leaves Rogers steps.

2:22 P. M.—Squad leaves Back Bay station for handicap race.

SUNDAY, DEC. 6.

6:45 P. M.—Y. M. C. A. at Union.

MONDAY, DEC. 7.

Rogers anniversary.

1 P. M.—1910 class meeting, Huntington Hall.

4:00 P. M.—Meeting of associate editors in 30 C.

5 P. M.—Tech editors meet in 30 C.

BASEBALL MASS MEETING AT 1.00 P. M. TODAY

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Friday, December 4, 1908.

With the opening of the new Technological Institute, a branch of Whitman College, at Walla Walla, Washington, comes an entire innovation in the line of requirements for the degree of bachelor of science in an engineering course.

The plan is to give in four years a general course which will fit the student to become an engineer in some special line, with two years of additional training in his chosen field, for the engineering degree. There are several things to be said in favor of this idea. It is hard for a young boy just out of a preparatory school to settle in his mind what course to pursue, and even with a half-year of elementary work on which to base his choice, it is doubtful whether the average student is competent to decide on his life work so early. With four years of fundamental training, however, a man will have had ample oportunity to settle in his mind for what profession his tastes are best suited. With these four years of elementary training behind him, the student will be sure that his bent in life toward the technical rather than the professional or business side before he completes his education for good and all. Thus under this new system life mistakes should be rare.

Many men have been forced to give up a technical training because of the burden of overwork. The tendency throughout the country in technical schools is to increase the number of years of study without increasing the amount. Here, at the Institute, there have been recently provided five-year schedules in some courses, and many students have availed themselves of this opportunity to lessen the burden of work while gaining as complete an education as under the regular course.

It will be most interesting to watch developments in the West.

TECH MEN ENTERED

in Roman Architectural Competition

On Monday, Dec. 7, 1908, the preliminary drawings in the Roman architectural competition will be started at 9 o'clock. The preliminary sketches must be made in fourteen hours and will probably be the plans and elevations of some building selected by the committee. The sketch will have to be inked and must show enough of the building details so that the committee will be able to see what is intended by the designer. The drawings will be handed in at the end of the fourteen hours, and a decision will be reached in a week by the committee, who will choose four men from the competitors in all parts of the country. The four men chosen for the final drawings will then be given three weeks in which to work up their sketches, the final drawings to be in color and with explanatory memorandum of the problem given. These completed drawings will be again given to the committee for a final decision.

The winning competitor will receive as a prize, his travelling expenses to and from Rome, and one thousand dollars a year for three years. From this annuity twenty dollars a month will be taken for room and board; ten dollars a month for eight months to pay his annual travelling expenses through Italy and Greece, and lastly one hundred dollars will be deducted each year for a fund to give the man when he leaves for home.

The winner of the competition will report at the Academy in Rome, Nov. 1, 1909, and will begin work soon after. The work to be done consists in making drawings of the old buildings in Italy and Greece, and will cover the entire stay of three years.

The following fifth year Technology men are entered in the competition:—E. D. Williams 1908, R. J. Batchelder 1908, R. Kibbey 1908, Cecil F. Baker 1907, W. F. Dolke, Jr., F. J. Robinson 1908, with the Guy Lowell Co. architects, and Watkins 1908, at University of Pennsylvania are also entered in the competition.

CLEOFAN RECEPTION

Given to Faculty Yesterday in Margaret Cheeney Rooms Great Success

A very pleasant social function was the reception given to the faculty and their wives by the Cleofan on Wednesday afternoon. The affair was held in the Margaret Cheeney rooms, which were tastefully decorated for the occasion.

Only two formal receptions are given each year by the Cleofan. The other is the reception given in Junior week to the undergraduates and is always one of the main festivities of that season.

Miss Babcock of the Architectural course, who is president of Cleofan, with the assistance of Mrs. H. P. Talbot, Mrs. A. E. Burton, Mrs. D. R. Dewey and Mrs. R. H. Richards, received the guests.

The tea table was delightfully presided over by Mrs. Chas. Sawyer, Mrs. Fred Lord, Miss Lillie Smith and Miss Dewey. Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Lord and Miss Smith are members of the Women's Technology Association.

Several vocal selections, beautifully rendered by Miss Margaret M. Glenn were much appreciated. She was accompanied by Miss Judith Longyear.

Messrs. Clark of the chemistry department, Comstock and Faxon of the physics department, Thomas of the electrical department and Mr. Rapelye served as ushers.

SCHOOLBOYS TO RACE

In Cross Country Contest from Tech Field over part of Regular Course

Again Tech Field is to witness the interscholastic cross-country race for New England schools. A similar race was held earlier in the fall at Princeton. The race today promises to be very interesting from the fact that ninety boys will try for individual prizes and eight school teams will struggle for the point trophies.

The schools that have entered teams for the championship cup are as follows:—Brookline High, Providence Technical High, Quincy High, High School of Commerce of Boston, English High, Boston Latin, Providence Classical High and Mechanic Arts High. This means that eight schools will contest for the trophy, and the remaining schools, while not entering full teams

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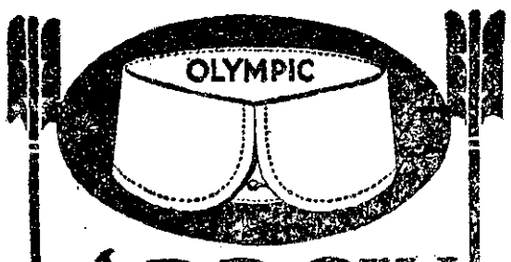

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LANTERN SLIDES SHOW

Past Events Reviewed by Profs. Robbins, Porter and Russell in Speeches

About twenty students and eight invited guests were present at the second reunion of the 1907 Civil Engineering Summer School at the Union Wednesday evening. An interesting program was carried through by L. D. Nisbet 1909, the toastmaster, beginning with an original poem (so-called) by himself and ending with songs accompanied by T. A. Tillard 1909, at the piano. Perhaps the most enjoyable features of the evening were the speeches made by Profs. Robbins, Porter and Russell, and the exhibition of a series of lantern slides from photographs taken by one of the students during the month at Rangeley, with one or two drawings added to portray events which happened too suddenly to be caught by the camera.

Prof. Robbins confined his remarks to an enumeration of the various summer schools with which he had been connected, from the first one in 1888 down to the present, with a short description of the conditions and work done at each one. One which he missed was described by Prof. Russell with an especially thrilling account of how the whole school was "pinched" for stealing a roadside billboard after being beaten 35 to 1 at baseball. Prof. Russell continued his tale with a brief statement of what happened to Halifax when 20 American students turned loose in its streets and best hotel on 4th of July eve.

Prof. Porter's talk was devoted to changes at Rangeley since the school there and a few happenings that were different from those the students had seen during their stay. He had an interesting set of photographs to illustrate his tatements, including many old ones showing himself, Prof. Robbins, Prof. Swain and several other people well-known in the department as they appeared some 20 years ago.

After the speaking and some singing, the two Britishers present sang "God save the King," and the rest of the men gathered about the piano and ended the festivities with "The Star-Spangled Banner."

SENIOR CLASS

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mittee. The vote was taken by acclamation and was so close that another vote was taken by raising of the hand. The motion was carried.

President Critchett then brought up the matter of finances for consideration. A suggestion was made that an assessment of three dollars be levied on the class now so as to make it easier to have paid the regular five dollar graduation assessment by the first of June. This was opposed by Mr. Flagg on the ground that it is hard enough to collect the regular one dollar dues now and that it would be difficult to make the fellows understand what the extra three dollars is for. No motion was made so the matter was dropped.

Mr. Scharff next spoke of the idea expressed by several members of the class that class gatherings be held now and then to give the fellows a chance to get reacquainted with the men they knew in freshman year and perhaps not seen since. Flagg then stated that one of the purposes of the Friday night entertainments is to give the fellows a chance to get acquainted with one another and that seniors should make it a point to attend these meetings as frequently as possible. As it is the majority of those who attend are from the lower classes and the example of a large representation from the senior class is needed for maintaining the success of the entertainments. L. D. Nesbit moved that a committee, to be known as the entertainment committee, be appointed by the chair to arrange a program, to be given at the Union in the near future for the seniors only and that this committee serve for the rest of the year. The motion was carried. The meeting was then adjourned.

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1911; Williamson 1910, defeated Little 1912; Pritchett 1910, defeated Kebbon 1912; Brooks 1909, defeated Harrington 1911; Nickerson 1909, defeated Urquart 1911; Price 1911, defeated Wood 1911; Fisher 1912, defeated Howard 1910.

First semi-finals:—Whittemore defeated Davis; Scheuer defeated Sherman; Sutton defeated Watson; Covill defeated Sweet; Farrington defeated Cornell; Pritchett defeated Williamson; Nickerson defeated Brooks; Price defeated Fisher.

Second semi-finals:—Scheuer defeated Whittemore; Covill defeated Sutton; Farrington defeated Pritchett; Nickerson defeated Price.

Finals:—Farrington defeated Nickerson. 6-4. 6-0; Scheuer defeated Covill by default; Scheuer defeated Farrington. 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

FRESHMAN PAPER

Prof. Pearson has instituted a new departure from the regular freshman English course in the limited publication of the weekly, The Freshman Enterprise. The editors of the first edition distributed yesterday were Folley, Hansen, and Mabbott. Editors, reporters, and readers are redistributed among the members of the class each week.

Although the paper was supposed to be primarily a newspaper, the class criticism on the first copy brought out the fact that it was composed almost entirely of editorials or communications. Now that a start has been successfully made, Prof. Pearson says issues to come will show evidences of the past experiences and a better proportionment of news will be secured.

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for the championship title, will have individuals who will strive for the three prizes offered the runners who finish in the first three positions.

Last year English High had a walkover for the championship title, but this year there are several schools to dispute with the light and dark blue, and there is a possible chance that one of the schools from "Little Rhody" will duplicate the feat of the Hope Street High School and take the cross-country title to our sister State on the south, to keep company with the football honors won from Waltham High.

Coach Kanaly will start the runners at the Field at 3 P. M. The course is about four miles out around Larz Andersen's hill and back to the Field. Several of the Technology cross-country men will assist as officials.

HANDICAP TOMORROW

Tomorrow at 2:22 P. M., a score of men will leave Back Bay station to run in the annual handicap cross-country race. The start and finish will be at Highland station. Entries must be in the book in the Union corridor this morning. The entry fee is 50 cents and includes membership in the Hare and Hound Club. No fee will be charged those who are now members. Train leaves Back Bay station at 2:22 P. M. Round trip fare is 25 cents.

1904 MEN DINE

Eighteen members of the class of 1904 held a dinner and reunion in the upper dining room of the Union last night. These dinners will probably be held once a month. Several 1904 men spoke. D. L. Galusha told of his trip abroad this summer and H. L. Kalmus and D. F. Comstock told of student experiences in Europe.

NOTICES

1910 CLASS MEETING—Monday, 1 P. M., Huntington Hall.

1910 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Today, 4:15 P. M., 33 Rogers.

THE TECH—Meeting of the board of editors Monday at 5 P. M., in The Tech office.

THE TECH—Meeting of associate editors, Monday at 4 P. M., in The Tech office.

REVOLVER CLUB—Revolver Club will shoot Saturday afternoon. Party leaves Rogers steps promptly at 2 P. M.

CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM—The picture of the cross-country team will be taken at Notman's, 3 Park street, Tuesday at 1 P. M.

WORRY—Worry is the subject to be discussed at the Corner Stone class of Union Church, Columbus avenue and West Newton street, Sunday at 12:15 noon. All Tech men are welcome.

SUNDAY EVENING MEETING—Roger Hull, Yale 1908, will speak Sunday at 6:45 P. M., in the Union. His subject will be "Influence."

1909—Nominations for the senior portfolio committee may be left at the cage for the election committee. Each nomination must be signed by at least 10 members. Nominations close Saturday, Dec. 12, 1908.

E. E. SOCIETY DINNER—At the Union, Thursday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 P. M. Pres. Ferguson of the A. I. E. E., M. I. T. 1888, will speak.

E. E. SOCIETY EXCURSION—To the Fore River ship yards. Get tickets now, ten cents each way; from Carter, Loud, or Osborne. Train leaves South Station for Quincy at 1:43 P. M.

1912 CLASS PIPES—Freshmen desiring class pipes before Christmas must order this week from W. M. Ruby 1912, or R. S. Walsh 1912.

CLASS OF 1908—There will be a reunion of the members of the class of 1908, residing in and around Boston, at the Tech Union, Tuesday evening, Dec. 8, 1908, at 7 P. M. Important business will be brought before the meeting. All past and present members of the class are requested to be present. Dinner will be served at 7:30. Tickets 75 cents.

Please leave replies at cage to the notices which were mailed.

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